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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### THE CAPTURE OF BAGDAD.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN  
APPRECIATION.

London, March 13.  
The comments of the French and  
Italian Press on the capture of  
Bagdad are even more enthusiastic  
than the British, while the Neutral  
Press is greatly impressed by the  
significance of the British victory.

Paris, March 13.  
The Chairman of the Municipal  
Council, prior to proceeding to the  
business of the meeting, referred to  
the capture of Bagdad, saying that  
Frenchmen rejoiced at this fresh  
proof of the indomitable energy of  
the British.

The *Matin* anticipates that Pal-  
estine and then Syria, will fall into  
the hands of the British, assisted by  
the Arabs.

The *Temps*, the *Figaro* and other  
papers emphasise that the glorious  
feat of arms has definitely ended  
Germany's dream of Eastern expan-  
sion and they anticipate a speedy  
co-operation of the British and  
Russians.

The British advance is described  
as a veritable thunderbolt. This  
sums up French opinion which is  
surprised at the rapidity of General  
Maude's march.

The *Temps* says that Bagdad is  
the greatest victory achieved by the  
Entente for months.

The *Debat* says it is the first act  
in the great Anglo-Russian battle  
against the Turks.

ITALIAN CONGRATULATIONS.

Rome, March 12.

The British Embassy is inundated  
with congratulations on the fall of  
Bagdad. Many telegrams have been  
sent to Mr. Lloyd George.

The newspapers are most enthu-  
siastic. They declare that Great  
Britain is, even militarily, now the  
mainstay of the Entente.

DUTCH OPINION.

Amsterdam, March 12.

The Dutch newspapers are unani-  
mous in regarding the fall of  
Bagdad as finally disposing of  
Germany's dreams of a Berlin to  
Bagdad railway. They declare that  
it is inconceivable that Great Britain  
should restore Mesopotamia to  
Turkey.

GERMAN COMMENT ON THE  
TURKISH DEFEAT.

Amsterdam, March 13.

There is an undercurrent of real  
concern in German comment on the  
fall of Bagdad.

The *Colony Gazette* says it is a  
great success. "All the bazaar  
in the East will resound with the news  
that the Persians (English) have beaten  
the soldiers of the Padi Shah (one of the  
titles of the Sultan of Turkey) and  
have conquered the romantic City of  
Bagdad. It would be a mistake to  
depreciate the importance of the success;  
nevertheless, it is firstly political." The  
paper consoles its readers by reminding  
them that while the British are getting  
further from their main base the Turks  
have approached theirs at Mosul.

The *Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung* says  
the English have won a momentary but  
undeniable success, but when the Turks  
have been supplied with heavy artillery,  
Bagdad will not long tolerate the  
Anglo-Indian garrison.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* says the  
British have won an undoubt-  
able success. The surrender of Kut  
was rightly described as a heavy  
blow, and the fall of Bagdad naturally  
follows. It wires out the stain on  
British arms and is a striking success,  
all the more so after the English for-  
ward move at Sinai. Although the  
success is transitory and does not affect  
the decision of the war, it is a heavy  
blow against Turkey and painful for  
the quadruple alliance.

#### THE BRITISH CAPTURE OF IRLS.

A BRILLIANT AND CLEVER  
ENTERPRISE.

London, March 13.  
Reuter's Correspondent at Head-  
quarters says the details of the  
capture of Irls show it to be one  
of the most brilliant and the most  
clever enterprises since the German  
retreat.

The attack was made from the  
west and south. The southern as-  
sault started about dawn, when the  
British artillery directed a perfect  
tornado of fire on the enemy posi-  
tions. The enemy gunners promptly  
replied, but, though their barrage  
lasted through the forenoon, it  
caused little damage. The resis-  
tance generally was slight. A strong  
point, garrisoned by about fifty Ger-  
mans, put up a short but obstinate  
fight, but when a score of them were  
put out of action the remainder  
surrendered.

The success of the southern attack  
was facilitated by the western attack  
which was fruitlessly timed. It  
came across the north of Irls and  
pinched out the garrison.

The southern force met a brisk  
fire as it approached the village, but  
the enemy threw up the sponge when  
they found that they were caught in  
the rear.

Irls is excellently situated for  
defence, being on an eminence. Its  
occupation greatly strengthens our  
position in this sector.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORTS.

London, March 13.

A German official report, trans-  
mitted by wireless, states:

An English attack on a wide front  
southward of Arras failed with heavy  
losses.

There has been lively fighting in  
the Arras region and on both banks  
of the Meuse.

Our fire turned back a French  
advance northward of Arras.

We stubbornly defended Hill 185  
against an attack by superior forces.  
The French by sanguinary sacrifice  
captured a narrow stretch on the  
south-western slope.

#### FRENCH REPORT.

A French communiqué states:

The Germans west of Maison-de-  
Champagne last night violently  
counter-attacked Hill 185. Our bar-  
rage and machine-gun fire stopped  
the enemy dead. We maintained all  
our positions.

We took 150 prisoners yesterday,  
including three officers.

An enemy coup-de-main in the  
region of Louvenmont, on the right  
bank of the Meuse, was easily  
repulsed.

We made three coups-de-main  
on German trenches between Arras  
and the Aisne, which our fire had  
wrecked. We brought back pri-  
soners.

The Germans continue to bom-  
bard Soissons.

Enemy attempts to reach our lines  
on the Croupy road and the region  
of Beau-le-Chiroy and further east  
ward failed.

There was lively artillery work in  
the sector of Troyon.

#### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, March 13.

Silver is quoted at 86½d. There  
is no more offering and the market  
is steady.

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## INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 8, George Buildings, Water Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1917. 1355

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive. The return of Capital of \$2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1323

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 11.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 22nd March, 1917, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1916 and the Report of the General Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 21st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1352

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Ltd.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1350

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Pedder Street, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 30th March, both days inclusive.  
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Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1355

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Deputy Surgeon General.  
R. N. HOSPITAL, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1917. 1371

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Harbour Department.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1917. 1372

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NOTICE.

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N. J. STABER,  
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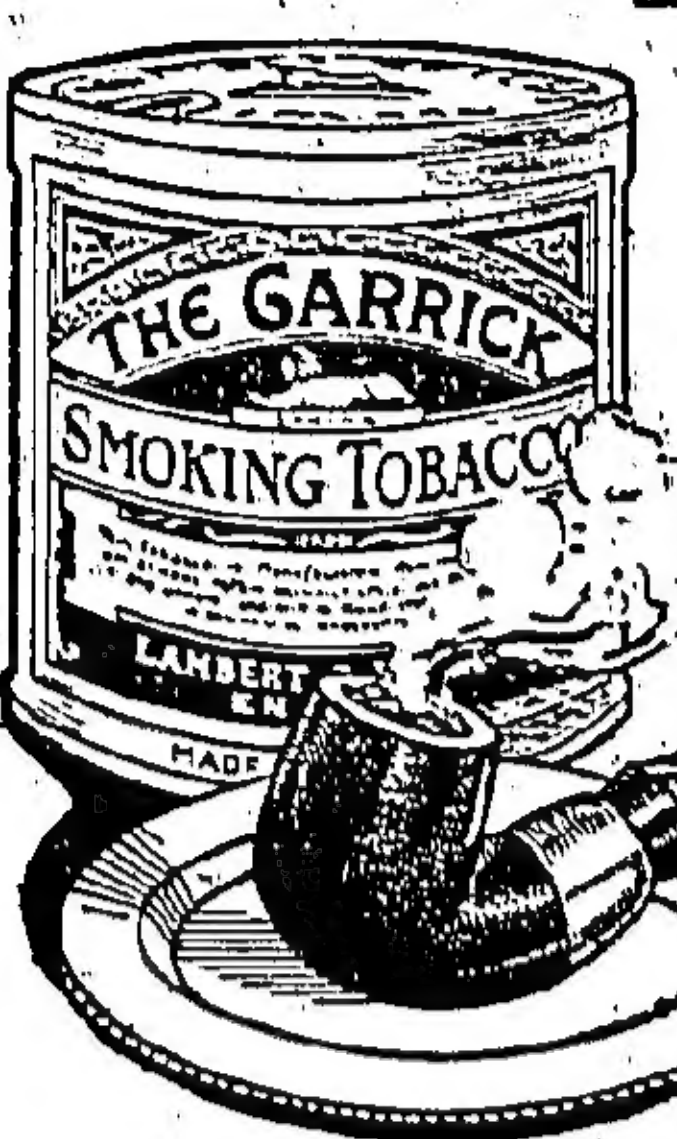
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THE PRINCIPLE OF  
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STATEMENT BY COUNT TISZA.

Amsterdam, January 25.—According to a Budapest telegram, in reply to a question by the Opposition party regarding President Wilson's address to the Senate, Count Tisza, the Premier, said that the Government was inclined to continue the further exchange of views with the United States on the subject of peace, and repeated that the Quadruple Alliance was ready to enter into negotiations with terms calculated to serve as a basis for a lasting peace. He proceeded:

On the other hand, the conditions of peace contained in the reply of our enemies to the United States are equivalent at least to the disintegration of the Monarchy and of the Ottoman Empire. . . . We are, therefore, forced to resist with our utmost strength so long as this is the war aim of our enemies. In such circumstances there can be no doubt which group of Powers by its attitude is the obstacle to peace and which group by its attitude approximates to President Wilson's conception.

So long as the Powers opposed to us do not substantially change their war aims an antagonism that cannot be bridged exists between their standpoint and President Wilson's peace aims.

I will not dilate on the question what moral justification England and Russia have to lay stress on the principle of nationalities in a peace programme which would destroy the Hungarian nation and deliver the Mahomedan population of the Bosphorus region into Russian domination. But I say that the whole of public opinion in Hungary holds the principle of nationalities in honour.

The principle of nationalities in the formation of national States, however, can only unrestrictedly prevail where single nations live within sharply marked ethnographical boundaries in compact masses and in regions suited for the organization of a State. In territories where various races live intermingled it is impossible that every single race can form a national State. In such territories it is only possible to create a State without national character or one on which the race, which by its numbers and importance, predominates, imprints a national character.

In such circumstances, therefore, only that limited realization of the principle of nationalities is possible which the President of the United States rightly expresses in making the demand that security of life, religion, and individual and social development should be guaranteed to all peoples. I believe that nowhere is this demand realized to such a degree as in both States of the Monarchy. I believe that in the regions of South-Eastern Europe, which are inhabited by a varied mixture of peoples and nations, the demand for the free

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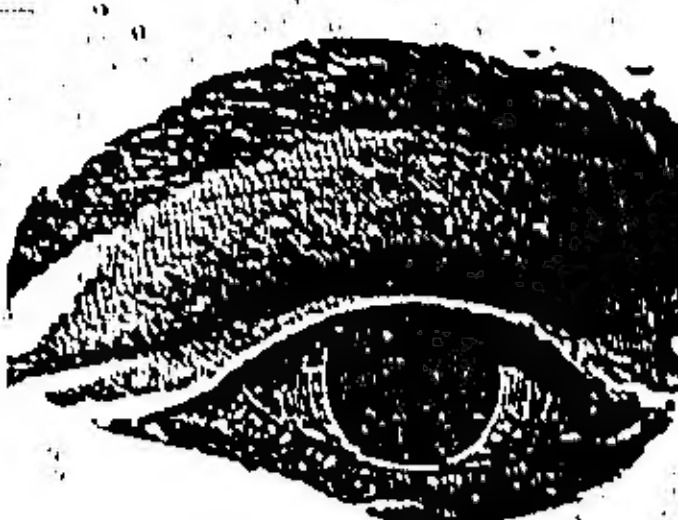
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## THE CALENDAR.

## MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.

Legislative Council Meeting.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 16:—11 a.m.—Auction of Rugs, Sheets, Sweater Coats, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, March 17:—St. Patrick's Day. 10.30 a.m.—Auction of Table Cloths, Dress Materials, Boots and Shoes, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

4.30 p.m.—Matinee by Sandman Opera Co. in aid of Entertainment Fund for men of H. M. Services.

MONDAY, March 19:—Police Reserve Orchestra at Government House. 5.30 p.m.—Launching of the s.s. "Kwai-sang" at Kowloon Dock.

WEDNESDAY, March 21:—St. Paul's College Athletic Sports on Race Course, Happy Valley.

MONDAY, March 20:—Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

TUESDAY, March 27:—11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co.'s Meeting. Noon.—Queen's College Athletic Sports on College Ground, Causeway Bay.

4 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong.

TUESDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY March 28:—2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Braeside," 20 Macdonnell Road.

WEDNESDAY, March 28:—11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Ice Co.'s Meeting. Noon.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s Meeting.

THURSDAY, March 29:—Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day. FRIDAY, March 30:—Noon.—China Sugar Refining Co.'s Meeting.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A class for "Beginners" in Chinese will be started at the H. K. Chamber of Commerce Chinese Language School on Monday, April 2nd.

The annual Athletic Sports in connection with St. Paul's College take place at Happy Valley on Wednesday next. Mrs. Lander has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

A new steamer for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., is to be launched at the Kowloon Docks next Monday. The steamer will bear the name "Kwai-sang."

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce has been fixed for 28th inst., to be followed by a special Extraordinary Meeting; and that of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong for 27th inst.

The import and export trade of the Philippine Islands for the month of January showed a total amounting to P20,193,302. As compared with the corresponding month of the year previous this showed a total increase of P363,967. There was a P1,312,872 increase in imports, and a decrease in island exports amounting to P48,905.

While Filipinos emigrate to Hawaii leaving their fertile uncultivated lands, says a Manila contemporary, the Japanese immigrants in the islands in considerable numbers, and engage in all pursuits, specially in agriculture. Numbering about 200, there recently arrived in the city Japanese labourers contracted to work on the Mindanao plantations. The boarding houses on Calle Eldorado and Calle Globe are filled to the limit with these labourers who are waiting for the boats that are to take them to their destination.

The first annual meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce of China was held at Shanghai last week when the following were elected to the executive committee: Messrs. C. H. Blake, W. A. Burns, J. J. Connell, L. Everett, S. A. Forbes, J. W. Gallagher, E. K. Howe, J. H. McMichael, N. T. Saunders, P. F. Wisner, B. Atwood, Robinson and W. C. Sprague, all but the last two being members of the 1916 committee. The election for officers resulted in the choice of Mr. W. A. Burns for President, Mr. W. C. Sprague for Vice-President and Mr. P. L. Bryant for Secretary. The report of the retiring President, Mr. J. H. McMichael, was adopted and a vote of thanks given him for his efforts on the Chamber's behalf.

## FOOD PRICES IN HONGKONG.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., has given notice of his intention to ask the following questions at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

1.—On what date did the Committee, which was appointed by His Excellency the Governor to fix from time to time the maximum price for which any article of food may be sold by retail in the Colony, issue their last price list setting forth such maximum prices?

2.—Will His Excellency the Governor direct another Meeting of such Committee to be held at an early date for the purpose of fixing a maximum price for articles of food?

3.—With reference to paragraph 6 of the schedule of maximum prices in the Government's Proclamation, which paragraph runs as follows:—

"The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914."

Is it not the fact that the prices of the following imported provisions, namely, golden syrup, jam, cheese, mustard, table salt and bacon have been raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914?

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

We are officially informed, that subject to audit, the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 28th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1915 of a dividend of \$27.00 per share absorbing \$216,000; to pass \$15,000 to credit of Reinsurance Fund; \$203,140.51 to credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account; and to carry forward \$467,907.73 in respect of the year 1916.

## THE LAW COURTS.

Before Sir William Rees Davies, the Chief Justice, this morning, Lau Shun Cho, of 12 Chancery Lane, Victoria, claimed from Young King Shung, of 120 Canton Road, Kowloon, damages for breach of a building contract dated November 13, 1916; the defendant having refused to carry out the contract. Plaintiff claims \$1,000 and costs. Mr. Agassiz appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. C. Faithful for the defendant.

In opening the case Mr. Agassiz said that the plaintiff purchased a plot of land on Kennedy Road on which to build four houses. The building contract was put out to tender and on November 13, 1916, the defendant's was found to be the lowest tender and he secured the contract.

The plans and other documents were signed by the defendant and the work should have been commenced on November 16, but there was some delay owing to the defendant being unable to get stone. After a delay of six weeks defendant asked to be released from his contract and correspondence passed, the result of which was that plaintiff agreed to cancel the contract on payment of \$500 immediately. This amount was not paid and the defendant refused to go on with the work. The consequence was that fresh tenders had to be called for and the lowest was \$61,000 an increase on defendant's tender of \$3,500. A further loss had been sustained, as the building of the houses had been delayed for three months, thereby incurring a loss of rental on the four houses for that period. The plaintiff claimed \$1,000 only in order to secure summary jurisdiction.

Evidence was taken as to the signing of the contract and the defendant's failure to carry on the work. After hearing defendant's evidence His Lordship passed judgment in favour of the plaintiff.

## THE SUSPICIOUS DOCUMENTS CASE.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, resumed the hearing of the action brought by the Officer Receiver (Mr. Carmichael) against the Po Yuen, Ma Che Lung and Lee Lysam, this morning.

Mr. Chan Kang Yu, Comptroller of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co., cross-examined by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, said that he would, in practice, always put "Tik Pat" (own handwriting) on any important document.

Do you find the words "Tik Pat" on these two promissory notes? (shown) —No.

For that reason do you consider that they are not legal?—They have the Po Leung Hin Kei chop on them.

Questioned as to whether he thought a document was a forgery if it did not contain the words "Tik Pat," witness said, "I should always do it myself."

Ku Yin San has not put "Tik Pat" on those notes; do you consider them forgeries for that reason?—I do not care what other people do, I should put "Tik Pat" myself. I cannot say that the notes are forgeries, and it is Ku Yin San's business if he is in the habit of not including the words "Tik Pat."

Would you consider a letter to a bank guaranteeing payment of an amount from one person to another an important document?—Yes.

Here is a guarantee for an overdraft for \$100,000 signed by Ku Yin San; would you have put "Tik Pat" on that document?—Yes.

Now you have seen five documents signed by Ku Yin San without "Tik Pat" on them?—Yes.

And it does not appear to be his practice to put "Tik Pat" on documents signed by him?—I don't know Ku Yin San's handwriting. I did not come here for this. I only came to say what had been decided in the Chamber of Commerce. I am a busy man and I want to go away and attend to my work.

His Lordship—We are investigating a very important case and you will not be assisting the Court by not giving evidence on this matter.

Further questioned by His Lordship witness said, "I do not know whether it is Ku Yin San's practice to put "Tik Pat" on documents signed by him, or not."

After hearing further evidence by Mr. S. W. Tso, solicitor, and Mr. J. H. Seth, the accountant who audited the books and prepared a balance sheet of the company, the Court adjourned.

## HIS TWENTY-SECOND CHILD.

Considerable interest was evinced recently in the disposal of racehorses in training and yearlings belonging to the Duke of Westminster, and Messrs. J. Buchanan and L. Neumann at Newmarket, when 35,110 guineas was obtained for eighty-one horses, an average of 433 guineas.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## LARCENY AND ASSAULT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a sum of money from the person of a contractor in Reclamation street, Yau-mat, and two other Chinese were charged with assaulting the complainant in an unsuccessful effort to prevent the first defendant's arrest.

On the application of Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared as solicitor for the defendants, the case was remanded until Saturday, bail being fixed at \$300 for the first defendant and \$50 for the other two defendants.

## POCKET PICKING.

Whilst passing along Des Vieux Road near Sincere Company's store yesterday afternoon, a shopkeeper, who was collecting money, was jostled by a man who simultaneously extracted \$250 in bank notes from the shopkeeper's coat pocket. The shopkeeper seized the thief and shouted, "stealing money!" whereupon the thief threw the bank notes in the road, broke away from his captor, and took to his heels. He was caught, however, by a Reserve constable, who, although off duty and in civilian clothes, was a witness to the incident.

When the man was brought before Mr. Melbourne this morning and charged with pocket-picking and larceny, it was learned that he had just returned from banishment and had served a previous conviction for a similar offence.

After hearing the evidence His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks, in lieu of the last day of the imprisonment.

## JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

Four small boys were seen stealing nails from a shipyard in Chung Sau Wan by a man employed in the yard. As he approached the boys, they ran away but he gave chase and succeeded in catching one of the fugitives. The boy was delivered into custody and whilst directing a constable to his residence he pointed out, one of his companions, whereupon the second boy was arrested.

When the two lads appeared before Mr. Wood this morning, they stated that they had been sent to steal the nails by a man who threatened to beat them if they refused to do it.

After evidence was heard one of the boys was discharged, but the other was sentenced to receive ten strokes of the birch and be detained in Victoria goal for 24 hours.

## THEFT OF BRICKS.

The theft of bricks from a contractor engaged in erecting a building in Wanchai was reported to the Police. As a result, the building was watched and a number of coolies arrested. They stated, however, they had been employed to remove the bricks. On this information their employer was taken into custody and brought before Mr. Wood this morning.

After hearing the case His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

## A VAGABOND AND ROGUE.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning an unemployed Chinese was charged with being a vagabond and rogue.

In appeared the defendant had been arrested on the first floor of Messrs. Whiteway and Laidlaw's store by an Indian watchman employed on the premises and could give no explanation as to his presence in the building.

Evidence was taken and the defendant, who had served two previous convictions, was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

## FAILED TO REPORT A SMALL POX CASE.

A Chinese woman was fined \$25 this morning by Mr. Melbourne for failing to report a case of smallpox. The alternative was a month's imprisonment.

## THE MARINE COURT.

In the Marine Court this morning, before Commander C. W. Beekwith, R.N., Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, the Captain Superintendent of Police charged Ernest G. Andrew, second mate of s.s. Pak Hoi, with unlawfully refusing to join his ship and absconding himself therefrom on March 13 and 14. Mr. John Dewar, Marine Superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, deposed that the master of the Pak Hoi reported yesterday that the second officer, Andrews, had gone ashore the evening before with leave until that night, the ship being under sailing orders for the next morning at daylight. Communication with the police was made and defendant was arrested at 10 o'clock p.m. He stated that the conduct of the defendant had delayed the ship for more than 36 hours.

Evidence was taken. Defendant said in defence that he had only just come ashore for a drink. He was quite sober.

The Magistrate sentenced defendant to a fine of \$100 and imprisonment with hard labour for 8 weeks.

## CHINA AND THE WAR.

## ACTIVITY IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 13. Two important mandates will be issued to-day relating to the Sino-German situation.

Telegrams are being prepared for dispatch to the United States and the Allied Nations.

In view of the developments in the political situation the War Council met yesterday.

Certain influential persons have suggested to the Government the advisability of creating a National Council, consisting of prominent ex-statement to discuss the situation.

The Government has appointed Luk Ching Cheong, a Special Delegate to negotiate with the Entente Ministers as to China joining the Allies, as he has been negotiating informally on the subject hitherto.

Sun Yat Sen's telegram to Mr. Lloyd George opposing China joining the Entente is very unpopular in diplomatic circles.

It is reported that the Foreign Department has instructed Ngan Wai Hing, the Chinese Minister, to prepare to leave Germany, and has asked the Mexican Minister to take charge of Chinese interests.

## GERMAN BANK SEIZES SALT SURPLUS.

The German Bank has notified the Government that it will retain last month's salt surplus \$700,000, for the payment of debts owed by the Chinese Government.

## THE SHANGHAI RECREATION FUND.

## VALUABLE CRICKET FIELDS.

The forty-seventh annual report of the secretary of the trustees of the Shanghai Recreation Fund, contains the following items of interest:—

Present Value of the Land.—By the new assessment the Race Course Property is valued at Tls. 13,000 a mow, and the 430 mow, are, therefore, worth Tls. 5,590,000. Taking the mow at 7,280 square feet and the total as the equivalent of 1,165 ounces, we have 3,121,800 square feet of land worth more than 6,000,000 standard ounces of silver, or nearly 3 ounces to the acre, an amount sufficient to provide for a thick coating of silver for the whole area—ground, creeks, roads, buildings, and everything else. With land of such value, the area needed for a cricket or baseball match is worth to the full a quarter of a million taels.

As has been mentioned, the income from the Race Course property has slightly increased, but, after expenditure has been deducted, the net return to the Trustees, taken in conjunction with the new assessment, is no more than about one-fortieth of one per cent.

It was in view of such facts as this that the Golf and Polo Clubs last year made voluntary contributions to the Recreation Fund of Tls. 100 and \$100 respectively. These sums would have been larger but for the results of the war in increased membership. Other clubs have expressed their willingness to follow this excellent example, and if there were a general understanding to the effect that each player using the ground regularly should give a single dollar per annum to the fund—the contribution being purely voluntary—the Trustees would soon have a sum sufficient to aid growing districts remote from this central position. During past years the community has gladly availed itself of the privileges secured by the foresight of our predecessors, but comparatively little has been done for those who are to follow. The Hongkew Park and the Western Park have been acquired, in each case with the assistance of the Trustees, and there is at present now an area which should be secured without fail, but there is a crying need in many parts of the settlement for playing spaces for children, such as the Opium Garden. It is too late now to get those little plots in the outskirts could easily be secured if only the Trustees had their funds increased in the manner suggested.

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## SPORTING.

## YACHTING.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The result of the eighth of the series of the Club Championship Races for the Handicap One Design, and Hayward Hays and Guel Classes are as follows:—

COURSE—LYMUN REASON (P), Cust Rocks Buoy (P), Lyman Reason (P). Distance 10.1 miles.

Heat on Finishing Corrected. Yacht Course Time Time.

Dione ... 31.43.55 4.43.55  
Scratch ... 4.43.55 4.43.55  
Jessie ... 31.50.13 4.50.13  
Kathleen ... 3.44.20 4.44.20  
Colleen ... 3.03.40 4.03.40  
Musetta ... 3.30.30 4.30.30  
Aileen ... 3.22.19 4.22.19

Position Points for race Points to date  
(1) Dione 8 32  
(2) Kathleen 3 29  
(3) Colleen 4 40  
(4) Jessie 4 29  
— Musetta 3 32  
— Aileen 3 3

COURSE—CHANNEL ROCK (P), Cust Rocks (P), Chan Si Rock (S). Distance 6.9 miles.

Heat on Finishing Corrected. Yacht Course Time Time.

Aileen ... Scratch 4.18.25 4.18.25  
Bonita ... 4.18.25 4.18.25  
Daphne ... 4.18.25 4.18.25  
Halcyon ... 4.18.25 4.18.25

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date  
(1) Aileen 5 17  
(2) Halcyon 3 14  
— Bonita 3 11  
— Daphne 3 3

COURSE—CHANNEL ROCK (P), Cust Rocks Buoy (P), Channel Rocks (S). Distance 6.0 miles.

Heat on Finishing Corrected. Yacht Course Time Time.

Lysbeth ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Owl ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Thecla ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Tourette ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Dawn ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Lady Ursula ... 4.43.44 4.43.44  
Sirius ... 4.43.44 4.43.44

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date  
(1) Lysbeth 8 54  
(2) Dawn 3 48  
— Thecla 3 41  
— Owl 3 38  
— Tourette 3 35  
— Lady Ursula 3 32  
— Sirius 3 29

These events were contested in a strong E.N.E. wind with heavy sea running and several of the yachts were forced to give up the race through accident.

The margin of time with which the Dione won her race again demonstrates the heavy weather qualities of the yacht and reflects great credit on Miss Phoebe May who, accompanied by Miss Iris May, steered the boat to victory.

The weather conditions recall a race sailed over the same course some years ago when the Dione won a championship race steered by His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., who rounding the Cust Rock Buoy dislocated his right arm but nevertheless stuck to the tiller and won out.

The ninth and last race of the Championships will be sailed off on Saturday 17th inst. Course Stonecutters Island (Starboard).

CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The results of the fourth of the series of Cruiser Championship Races is as follows:—

COURSE—CHUNG CHAN ISLAND (S). Distance 23 miles.

Heat on Finishing Corrected. Yacht Course Time Time.

Irene ... 44.00 44.54 4.01.54  
Feathers ... 44.54 44.54 4.01.54  
Yesper ... 44.00 44.54 4.01.54  
Queen Bee ... 22.00 44.54 4.01.54

Position Points for race Points to date  
(1) Irene 5 13  
(2) Feathers 3 16  
— Yesper 3 13  
— Queen Bee 3 10

COURSE—CHUNG CHAN ISLAND (S). Distance 22 miles.

Heat on Finishing Corrected. Yacht Course Time Time.

Scotsgarden 11.00 D.N.F. D.N.F.  
Miranda ... Scratch D.N.F. D.N.F.  
Oenone ... 7.20 D.N.F. D.N.F.  
Dorothy II 14.40 4.55.34 4.41.54  
Lady Godiva 51.20 D.N.F. D.N.F.

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date  
(1) Dorothy II 5 29  
— Scotsgarden 3 26  
— Miranda 3 23  
— Lady Godiva 3 20

The fifth and last Cruiser Championship Race will be sailed off on Sunday 18th inst. Course—Lamma Island (Starboard). Distance 12.5 miles.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Unions ... 890 sales  
Douglases ... 99 buyers  
Def. Indos ... 126 sellers  
China Sugars ... 121 buyers  
Malabons ... 23 sales  
Hongkong Wharves ... 61 buyers  
Docks ... 120 buyers  
West Points ... 80 buyers  
Dairy Farms ... 24 sales  
Cements ... 11.36 buyers  
Waterboats ... 18 buyers  
Kung Yiks ... 117 buyers  
Shanghai Cottons ... 112 buyers

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

## CRISIS "MISSING FIRE."

## SOME RESIGNATIONS EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 13.—The Lobby Correspondent of *The Times* says the political crisis is "missing fire." The Lanceshire members are divided in opinion and the Parliamentary Franchise Committee will not participate in the agitation.

## LATER.

An urgent Whip has been issued by the Government, the objection being a "vital division," to-morrow when the Mr. Han, Austin Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, moves a resolution approving of India's War Loan of £100,000,000. It is noteworthy that the motion does not refer to the increase in certain duties but it is anticipated that 30 Lanceshire members will vote against the Government. The Nationalists have not decided upon their course of action but the Labour members have decided that members may vote as they please.

The *Daily Chronicle* is confident that the following of Mr. Asquith will not oppose the Government, thus, precipitating the calamity of a general election.

The Lobby Correspondent of the *Daily News* states that Tariff Reformers are intriguing to force an election.

It is rumoured that Sir Frederick Cawley, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. A. H. Hingworth, Postmaster-General, and Mr. John Walsh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (all Lanceshire members), are threatening to resign because they were not informed of the Government's decision to increase the duties.

The *Daily News*, in an editorial, states that the Government may survive to-morrow, but its authority will be fundamentally shaken.

## "CLOSURE" REVIVED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 12.—The "Closure" was applied in the House of Commons yesterday evening for the first time since the war began.

The occasion was the National Service Bill.

The Radical and Nationalist opposition was so vigorous that the report stage was not finished when the debate adjourned.

Mr. W. M. R. Pringle, Liberal member for Larnach, moved a new clause providing for Parliamentary control of the acts of the Director-General of National Service.

After the debate in which "the servility of the House of Commons to the Prussianism of the Government" was among the epithets employed by Mr. Pringle's supporters, Mr. Cave, K.C., Home Secretary, intimated that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Director-General of National Service, had agreed to the appointment of an Advisory Committee.

Mr. Cave then moved the closure amidst shouts of "Gag."

Mr. Pringle's motion was defeated by 162 votes to 97.

The Nationalist motion that the act should not apply to Ireland was defeated by 48 votes to 73.

On the re-application of the closure, the Nationalist amendment providing for a separate Director-General of National Service for Ireland was being debated.

The House adjourned.

## MR. GERARD REACHES HOME.

New York, March 13.—Mr. Gerard, ex-Ambassador to Berlin, has arrived at Havana.

Key West, March 13.—Mr. Gerard has arrived here and proceeds by rail to Washington.

## ILLNESS OF THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, March 13.—The Duchess of Connaught has passed a restless night. The bronchopneumonia persists and the heart action is weaker. There are also complications incident to Her Royal Highness' illness four years ago.

## TURKEY AND GERMANY.

## DIFFERENCES ARISING OUT OF REVERSES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, March 13.—A telegram from Vevay states that Rihant Dusha has left Georgia for Turkey.

Bedri Bey, the Governor of Constantinople, has arrived in Berlin.

Both missions are connected with Turkish-German differences arising out of the reverses in Mesopotamia.

## THE SOUTH EASTERN ZONE.

LONDON, March 13.—A German official report states:

We took 323 Russian prisoners northwards of the Zloczow-Tarnopol railway.

We repulsed the French attacking between Delatida and Lake Dvessa.

GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS.

STORIES OF SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, March 13.—German ruthlessness at sea is further exemplified by the sinking of the Norwegian steamer *Dalsputa* by a German submarine on February 11th.

The Captain's wife and the officers and crew were three days in two small open boats in mid-Atlantic and suffered unspendable hardships, one of the crew dying from exposure and three being frost-bitten.

They were finally picked up by a Danish schooner.

LONDON, March 13.—The submarine which shelled the *Staradul* on Thursday morning from a distance of four miles was invisible.

The crew entered the boats and returned to the ship on the submarine submerging. They were aboard when the latter resurfaced and torpedoed the *Staradul*.

The crew got away from the ship and the submarine came alongside the Captain's boat and questioned him regarding the cargo.

The submarine refused to tow the boats and again shelled the *Staradul* because she was not sinking fast enough.

It is confirmed that the fourth engine died from exposure, and that the remainder of the crew were landed, two of whom were dead.

THE FOOD PROBLEM IN RUSSIA.

NO QUESTION OF A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

LONDON, March 13.—Telegrams from Petrograd state that there is no scarcity of food in Russia, but a lack of transport organisation for the towns caused a decline in the supplies, especially in the capital, with consequent disquiet; but the demonstrations were unusually mild. There is no question of a revolutionary movement.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

PETROGRAD, March 13.—The sessions of the Duma and the Council of Empire have been suspended.

FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

BRITISH CASUALTY RETURNS.

LONDON, March 13.—In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Macpherson, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the War Office, stated that the average weekly British casualties due to air fighting for the past six weeks were 7 killed, 8 wounded, 4 missing.

He recalled that it was only last year, after heavy aerial fighting at Verdun and on the British front, that our superiority in the air was established.

Whereas at the opening of last year's operations the German concentration was before Verdun, to-day it is before the British front. This move is probably connected with the retirement, hence we must expect severe contests before we can succeed in throwing the enemy aerially on the defensive.

A SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE OF CREDIT NEEDED.

LONDON, March 13.—In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a supplementary vote of credit to meet "increased and unforeseen expenditure." The vote would be moved on March 15.

THE LATE ATLANTIC RAIDER DESCRIBED.

BERNE, March 12.—Fifty-nine Americans from the *Narandale* have arrived at Zurich (Switzerland). They state that the raider named the *Rita*, was a new ship of 3,000 tons and a speed of 18 knots, specially built for raiding.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE FALL OF BAGDAD.

## "A SERIES OF BRILLIANT OPERATIONS."

## TURKS LOST HEAVILY.

LONDON, March 12.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, as Leader of the House, stated that the occupation of Bagdad was the sequel of a series of brilliant operations carried out by the British and Indian troops with a dash and determination for which no praise was too high. (Cheers.)

He recalled that after the severe fighting on the right bank of the Tigris, in which heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy, General Maude's crossing of the river near Kut imperilled the safety of the Turkish army in Mesopotamia.

The enemy immediately retired to the utmost energy, and not only were large numbers made prisoners and quantities of material of all kinds taken during the pursuit, but there was good reason to believe that nearly two-thirds of the whole of the enemy's artillery either fell into our hands or was thrown into the Tigris.

On March 5th, our cavalry came up with the Turkish rearguard, 25 miles from Bagdad. After an action the Turks abandoned their prepared position.

On March 7th, the cavalry found the enemy in position on the Tigris, a formidable obstacle over thirty yards wide, and unfordable. General Maude, therefore, withdrew his cavalry and brought his infantry into action.

The Turks meanwhile received reinforcements from Bagdad and a formidable resistance was offered on the Tigris.

On March 7th, General Maude bridged the Tigris at the point of conference with the Dials. Thereupon his cavalry crossed, supported by troops on the right bank. Despite the heat and the dust the troops brilliantly marched 18 miles, finding the enemy strongly entrenched six miles south-west of Bagdad. The enemy was immediately driven back two miles.

On March 8th, the troops fighting on the Dials established a footing on the northern bank. During March 9th, and 10th, the troops on the right bank, despite hot storms, pressed their advantage, driving the enemy back to within three miles of the outskirts of Bagdad. Simultaneously troops gained the passage of the river, forcing the enemy upon Bagdad, which they entered on the morning of March 11th.

General Maude thus completed his victory at Kut by a pursuit of 110 miles, in which the Tigris was crossed three times. (Cheers.) The pursuit was conducted in country destitute of supplies, and despite the commencement of the summer heat. Apart from the skill and vigour of the leadership and the valour and endurance of the troops, both British and Indian, such operations are only possible in such country after thorough, systematic and most careful arrangements for supply.

The fact that General Maude was not only able to feed and munition his army and assure proper attention for sick and wounded, but was able to report that he can provide necessities for the army in Bagdad, reflects the greatest credit on the General Staff and all concerned. (Cheers.)

GAS ATTACKS REFUSED BY RUSSIANS.

LONDON, March 12.—A Russian communique reports:—We repulsed enemy gas attacks south-west of Lake Naroch, south-east of Kovell.

THE SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA.

STATEMENT BY GENERAL SMUTS.

LONDON, March 12.—General Smuts, interviewed by Reuters' representative, said that the only thing delaying the absolute end of the German East Africa campaign is the prevalence of the rainy season until May when the Germans will be compelled to surrender or enter Portuguese territory, where the Portuguese are quite prepared to handle them. The enemy only consisted of a remnant of the army.

Practically all the South African white troops had departed the native battalions whom he had raised owing to the unfavourable climate remaining to finish up.

General Smuts spoke in high terms of the natives' magnificent infantry work, and said they would shortly be available for service elsewhere. Nothing had given greater pleasure than Mr. Long's statement that no German Colony would be returned to Germany. The mere suggestion was preposterous. He shuddered to think what would happen to the natives if any part were returned. The natives had supported us magnificently and our prestige in the east would suffer.

SUBMARINISM.

ITALIAN WEEKLY REPORT.

ROME, March 13.—It is officially stated that for the week ended March 8th the arrivals at Italian ports were 493, totalling 391,211 tons. There were 444 sailings, totalling 316,301 tons. The sailings were four steamers and three sailing vessels.

## AMERICA'S "ARMED NEUTRALITY."

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The State Department has notified the foreign diplomats that American ships traversing the German submarine zone will carry "an armed guard for the protection of the vessel and the lives of persons aboard."

It is expected that European vessels plying to American ports will take advantage of the new ruling of the State Department permitting vessels to be armed for as well as aft.

THE GRAND FLEET'S CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, March 12.—The Press Bureau announces that Admiral Sir David Beatty, through General Sir W. Robertson, has conveyed to General Maude the Grand Fleet's admiration of and congratulations upon his magnificent achievement in capturing Bagdad.

BRITISH OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT.

CONTINUOUS AIR FIGHTING.

LONDON, March 12.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We slightly improved our position north-eastward of Bouchavesnes and entered trenches in the same neighbourhood, securing prisoners.

We raided trenches southward of Arras and bombed dug-outs, despite strong resistance, inflicting many casualties.

Air fighting has been continuous. Nine enemy machines were brought down or driven down, four of which are known to have been destroyed. Five of ours are missing.

FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE CHAMPAGNE.

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

LONDON, March 13.—A French official message states:—In the Champagne we re-attacked in the afternoon the German position west of Maisons de Champagne and captured on a mile front all the enemy trenches, also Hill 185. We entered a fortified work thereon and took a hundred prisoners. There was an artillery duel on both banks of the Meuse.

The Germans in the afternoon bombarded the open town of Soissons with incendiary shells, causing several fires.

RUSSIANS ROUT TURKS NEAR HAMADAN.

LONDON, March 12.—A Russian communique states:—We occupied Rissoton, in the region of Hamadan, on March 8th, after routing the Turks, who withdrew to Hadjiabad, hard pressed by us.

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK.

BIG INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

The report of the Board of Directors covering a period of from May 2, 1916, to March 5, 1917, states:—

The actual paid-in capital of the bank on the date of its inauguration was P3,285,451.04, which included P1,299,000.00, the total amount of agricultural loans taken over by this institution from the late Agricultural Bank of the Philippine Government as part payment of the capital stock subscribed for by the Government.

The period from May 2 until July 22 was consumed in the preparation of adequate quarters and in the training of sufficient personnel to perform the functions of the institution. Although from the date of inauguration we continued to pass upon and grant agricultural loans it was not until July 22, when we moved into our present quarters, 84-90 Escolta, that we began active, actual commercial operations. Our total resources on the date mentioned have been as follows:

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On Dec. 31, 1916 ..... 50,786,476.58  
On Feb. 28, 1917 ..... 63,985,062.66

These resources do not include capital subscribed for or capital not paid in.

The President of the Bank is Mr. Samuel Ferguson. The new directors chosen are: William H. Anderson, re-elected; Leon Rosenthal, re-elected; Venancio Concepcion, vice-president and ex-officio director; V. Singson Encarnacion, re-elected; Vicente Madrigal, elected to take the place of Dr. Willis; and Enrique Brinas Roxas, elected to take the place of Teodoro R. Yango.

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## THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY.

## PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

## ANNOUNCING THE SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS.

Following is the text of President Wilson's speech to Congress announcing the severance of relations with Germany:—

Gentlemen of the Congress:—The Imperial German Government on the thirty-first day of January announced to this Government and to the Governments of the other neutral nations that on and after the first day of February, the present month, it would adopt a policy with regard to the use of submarines against all shipping seeking to pass through certain designated areas of the high seas which it is clearly my duty to call your attention.

Let me remind the Congress that on the eighth of April last, in view of the sinking on the twenty-fourth of March of the cross-Channel passenger steamer *Russex* by a German submarine without warning or warning, and the consequent loss of the lives of several citizens of the United States who were passengers aboard her, this Government made the following declaration:—

If it is still the purpose of the Imperial German Government to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines, without regard to what the Government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the Government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue. Unless the Imperial Government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire altogether.

GERMANY'S SELECTED PLINIUS QUOTED.

In reply to this declaration the Imperial German Government gave this Government the following assurance:—

The German Government is prepared to do its utmost to confine the operations of war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents, thereby also insuring the freedom of the seas, a principle upon which the German Government believes, as before, to be in agreement with the Government of the United States.

The German Government, guided by this idea, notifies the Government of the United States that the German naval forces have received the following orders:—

In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and destruction of merchant vessels recognized by international law, such vessels, both within and without the area declared a naval war zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives, unless these ships attempt to escape or offer resistance.

But (it added) neutrals cannot expect that Germany, forced to fight for her existence, shall for the sake of neutral interest restrict the use of an effective weapon if her enemy is permitted to apply at will methods of warfare violating the rules of international law. Such a demand would be incompatible with the character of neutrality, and the German Government is convinced that the Government of the United States does not think of making such a demand, knowing that the Government of the United States has repeatedly declared that it is determined to restore the principle of the freedom of the seas, from whatever quarter it has been violated.

WARNING OF "ABSOLUTE RESPONSIBILITY."

To this the Government of the United States replied on the eighth of May, accepting, of course, the assurance given, but adding:—

The Government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the Imperial German Government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the Government of the United States and any other belligerent Government, notwithstanding the fact that certain passages in the Imperial Government's note of the fourth instants might appear to be susceptible of that construction.

In order, however, to avoid any misunderstanding, the Government of the United States notifies the Imperial Government that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect for Germany's naval authorities by the rights of the citizens of the United States upon the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other Government affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants. Responsibility in such matters is single, not joint; absolute, not relative.

To this note of the eighth of May the Imperial German Government made no reply.

GERMANY'S LATEST NOTICE OF "RUTHLESSNESS."

On the thirty-first of January, the Wednesday of the present week, the German Ambassador handed to the Secretary of State, the following statement:—

The Imperial Government, therefore, does not doubt that the Government of the United States will understand the situation thus forced upon Germany by the Entente Allies' brutal methods of war and by their determination to destroy the Central Powers, and that the Government of the United States will further realize that the now openly disclosed intention of the Entente Allies, gives back to Germany the freedom of action which she reserves in her note addressed to the Government of the United States on May 4, 1916.

Under these circumstances, Germany will meet the illegal measures of her enemies by forcibly preventing after February 1, 1917, in a zone round Great Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean, all navigation, that of neutrals included, from and to England and from and to France, etc. All ships met within the zone will be sunk.

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announced that it would take in the event that the German Government did not declare and effect an abandonment of the methods of submarine warfare which it was then employing and to which it now purposes again to resort.

I have, therefore, directed the Secretary of State to announce to Excellency the German Ambassador that all diplomatic relations between the United States and the German Empire are severed and that the American Ambassador at Berlin will immediately be withdrawn; and, in accordance with this decision, to hand to his Excellency his passports.

Notwithstanding this unexpected action of the German Government, this sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of its assurances given this Government at one of the most critical moments of tension in the relations of the two Governments, I refuse to believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do in fact what they have warned us they will feel at liberty to do. I cannot bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay to their people the ancient friendship between their people and our own or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them, and destroy American ships and take the lives of American citizens in the willful prosecution of the ruthless naval program they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it even now.

PREPARED TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS.

If this invertebrate confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacrificed by their naval commanders in heedless continuation of the just and reasonable understandings of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the Congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas. I can do nothing less. I take it for granted that all neutral governments will take the same course.

We do not desire any hostile conflict with the Imperial German Government. We are sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the Government which speaks for them. We shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe it and we purpose nothing more than the reasonable defense of the undoubted rights of our people.

We wish to serve no selfish ends. We seek merely to stand true allies in thought and in action to the immortal principles of our people which I have sought to express in my address to the Senate only two weeks ago; and merely

to vindicate our rights to liberty and justice and an untroubled life. These are the bases of peace and war. God grant that we may not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the Government of Germany!

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

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Lists of those men are being sent to Company Commanders.

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ORCHESTRA.

Thursday, March 15th.—Practice.  
Monday, March 19th.—Government House.

RECRUITS.

The A.S.P. (R.) will examine recruits submitted by O.S. Majors for passing out at Central Station on Monday, March 19th, at 5.30 p.m.

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SHANGHAI	YONGKANG	TUESDAY, Mar. 20, Daylight
HAIPHONG	YONGKANG	TUESDAY, Mar. 20, at 7 a.m.
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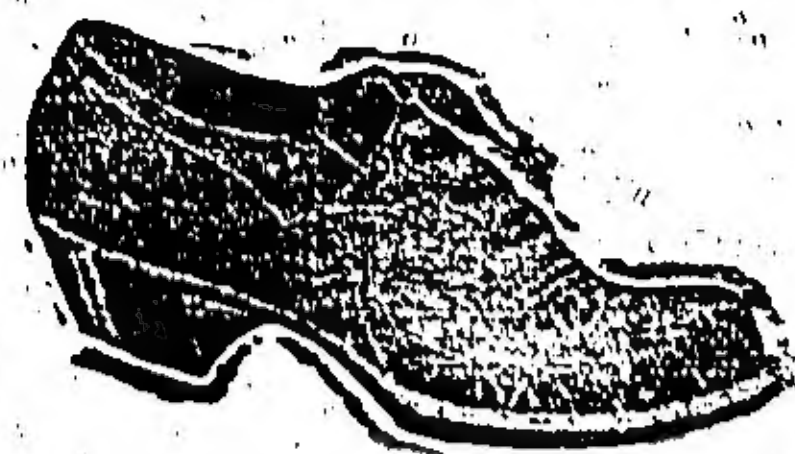
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 Sinking Fund Account—£128,330  
 £23,970,387

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FROM	WEEK-DAYS	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Canton, Samui and Wuchow	7.30 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
Macao	7.15 A.M.	9.00 A.M.
Kowloon	6.00 P.M.	1.00 P.M.
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Shamshui	10.00 A.M.	9.00 A.M.

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## HONGKONG TIDES.

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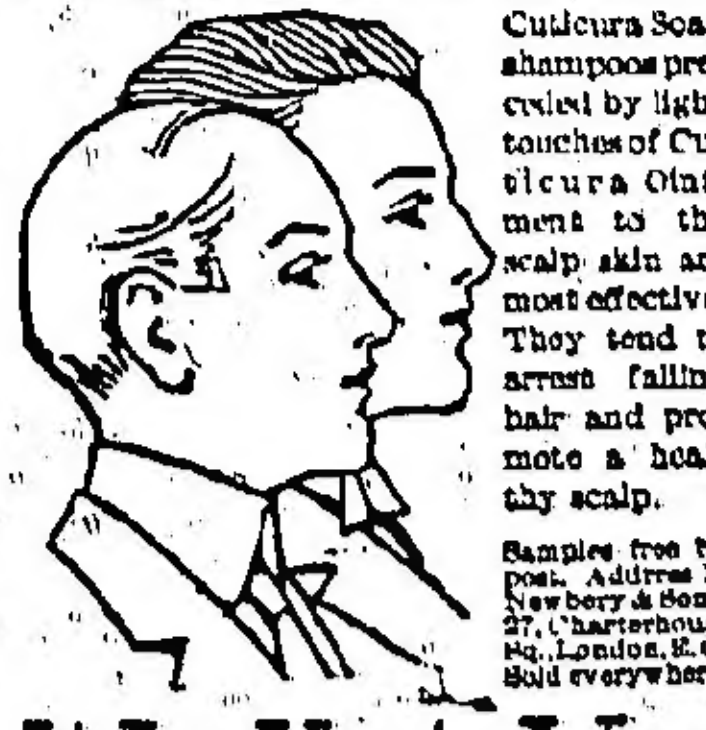
The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 15th to 21st, 1917.			
Time	High Water	Low Water	Height
15	1.14	1.14	0.00
16	1.28	1.14	0.14
17	1.42	1.14	0.28
18	1.56	1.14	0.42
19	2.10	1.14	0.56
20	2.24	1.14	0.70
21	2.38	1.14	0.84

Temperature.			
Hongkong, March 14, 1917.			
Barometer	9 A.M.	29.97	
Do.	1 P.M.	29.95	
Do.	4 P.M.	29.94	
Thermometer	9 A.M.	76	
Do.	1 P.M.	76	
Do.	4 P.M.	76	
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	76	
Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.	76	
Do. (Wet bulb)	4 P.M.	76	
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Do. Minimum (over night)		65	

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 14th at 12.30—Pressure has decreased considerably over Japan and increased considerably over the lower Yangtze Valley. It has increased slightly elsewhere.

The depression over China has moved eastward and is now central over S.W. Japan.

At anticyclone has formed over N.E. China.

Strong monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.89 inches, against an average of 4.14 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 15th March:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: Light winds, freshening from E. or N.E. later; fine to cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN MARCH.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of March, 1917:—

Date	Ends	Ends	Ends
Mar. 14th	6.22 a.m.	6.43 p.m.	
" 15th	6.20 "	6.44 "	
" 16th	6.19 "	6.44 "	
" 17th	6.18 "	6.44 "	
" 18th	6.17 "	6.44 "	
" 19th	6.16 "	6.44 "	
" 20th	6.15 "	6.44 "	
" 21st	6.14 "	6.44 "	
" 22nd	6.13 "	6.44 "	
" 23rd	6.13 "	6.44 "	
" 24th	6.12 "	6.44 "	
" 25th	6.11 "	6.44 "	
" 26th	6.10 "	6.44 "	
" 27th	6.08 "	6.44 "	
" 28th	6.08 "	6.44 "	
" 29th	6.07 "	6.44 "	
" 30th	6.06 "	6.44 "	

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

## MARCH 14, 1917.—a.m.

CO. & REGT.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Wind Force.
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